

REMARKS

The specification has been amended so as to correct an inadvertent typographical error. An early action on the merits is respectfully requested.

If any fees are required in connection with this case, it is respectfully requested that they be charged to Deposit Account No. 02-0184.

Respectfully submitted,

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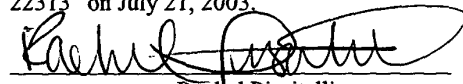
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Version with markings to show changes made to the specification

Page 14, delete the second full paragraph and substitute therefore the following:

Fig. [62B] 61B is an enlarged plan view of another example of a part of the thirteenth preferred embodiment of a plate assembly according to the present invention, wherein the density of spacer protrusions varies.